

# **Valentine's cards collection**

## **S2105**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Rare Books and Manuscripts
<b>Creator</b>	Hazel, Hopper
<b>Title</b>	Valentine's cards collection
<b>Date</b>	circa 1881-1930s
<b>Extent</b>	0.02 Cubic feet 2 folders
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Mixed materials [Folder]</b>	S2105-1
<b>Mixed materials [Folder]</b>	S2105-2

### Preferred Citation

Valentine cards collection, Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library

## Historical Note

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Valentines Day is based on both Christian and Roman tradition. The Catholic Church declared February 14th to be St. Valentines Day in the 5th century to commemorate the anniversary of Valentines death, of which there were three with stories of love in their histories. Others believe that it was an attempt to change the pagan celebration of Lupercalia, which was still being celebrated, into a Christian celebration. The oldest known valentine still in existence was written in 1415 by Charles, Duke of Orleans, to his wife while he was imprisoned. By the 18th century it was common for friends and lovers to exchange tokens of affection on Valentines Day. In the 1900s printed cards began to replace handwritten notes due to improvements in printing. In the 1840s, Esther A. Howland began selling mass produced valentines around the United States, she is now known as the "Mother of Valentine." (History.com, 2009)

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection includes Valentine`s Day cards from Hazel Hopper in Indiana ranging from 1881 to 1931.

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## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged by subject.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

Rare Books and Manuscripts

### Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

## **Conditions Governing Use**

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## **Custodial History**

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation from Hazel Hopper.

## **Accruals**

No further additions are expected.

## **Processing Information**

Collection processing completed 2014/02/14 by Danielle Adams. EAD finding aid created 2014/02/14 by Danielle Adams.

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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### **Subject(s)**

- Greeting cards
- Love poetry
- Love-letters
- Valentine's Day